

Remarks

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action dated November 4, 2005 and the references cited therein. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

Claims 1-17 and 19-20 are currently pending.

Claims 8-12, 17, and 19-20 are allowed.

Claims 18 has been previously canceled.

Claims 1-2 are canceled by this amendment, without prejudice.

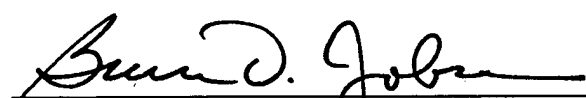
Applicants and their Attorney acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable as set forth in the objections to claims 3, and 6-7. Claims 3, 6 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner. Method claim 3 has been amended to include all limitations of original claims 1-2 (claim 3, lines 2-5 and 7-9). Claims 1-2 have been canceled, without prejudice. Accordingly, claim 3 is believed allowable over any art of record, whether considered singularly or in combinations. The dependencies of claims 4-5, 13, and 16 have been amended to now depended from claim 3. Similarly, method claims 6 and 7 have been amended to include all limitations of original claim 1 (claim 6, lines 2-5 and 6-8; claim 7, lines 2-4 and 6-8). Accordingly, claims 6 and 7 are also believed allowable over any art of record for the merits of its own respective limitations.

Any amendments to the claims as set forth herein, including the addition, cancellation, or withdrawal of any claims, have been offered to advance this application to issue. None of the amendments made herein should be construed as an admission that the subject matter of the claims, as originally filed, is anticipated by or made obvious in light of any art of record whether considered singularly or in combinations. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the originally filed claims in another co-pending application without being prejudiced by any amendments, including cancellation of claims, made herein.

Applicants believe the claims are in allowable condition. A notice of allowance for this application is solicited earnestly. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this amendment, he is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed

below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any balances under 37 CFR §1.17, and 1.16 to Deposit Account No. DA-12-2158.

Respectfully submitted,



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